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SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON MATTERS OF WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS SEIZED AND ON THE STAGE REACHED IN THEIR CONSIDERATION

Addendum

Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General is submitting the following summary statement.

The list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in documents S/1997/40 of 10 January 1997 and S/1997/40/Add.10 of 21 March 1997.

During the week ending 24 May 1997, the Security Council took action on the following items:

Letters dated 20 and 23 December 1991, from France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America (see S/25070/Add.45; S/1996/15/Add.15; and S/1997/40/Add.13; see also S/23370/Add.3 and 13)

The Security Council resumed its consideration of the item at its 3777th meeting, held on 20 May 1997 in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

The President stated that, following consultations of the Council, he had been authorized to make a statement on behalf of the Council and read out the text of that statement (for the text, see S/PRST/1997/27; to be issued in Official Records of the Security Council, Fifty-second Year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council, 1997).

Protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations

The Security Council met to consider the item at its 3778th meeting, held on 21 May 1997, in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations. There was one suspension and one resumption of the meeting.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, Cuba, Germany, India, Iraq, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Rwanda, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Ukraine and Zimbabwe, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

At the same meeting, in response to the request contained in a letter dated 19 May 1997 from Mr. Soren Jessen-Petersen, Director of the Liaison Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to him.

Also at the same meeting, in response to the request contained in a letter dated 19 May 1997 from Mr. Stephen Lewis, Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to him.

Also at the same meeting, in response to the request contained in a letter dated 20 May 1997 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1997/386), the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Peter Kŭng, Head of the Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross to the United Nations.

Also at the same meeting, in accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

The situation concerning Western Sahara (see S/11593/Add.42 and 44; S/19420/Add.38; S/21100/Add.25; S/22110/Add.17; S/23370; S/25070/Add.9; S/1994/20/Add.12, 29 and 45; S/1995/40/Add.1, 14, 20, 25, 37 and 50; S/1996/15/Add.21 and 47; and S/1997/40/Add.11)

The Security Council resumed its consideration of the item at its 3779th meeting, held on 22 May 1997 in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations, having before it the report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/1997/358).

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1997/381), which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Security Council proceeded to vote on draft resolution S/1997/381, and adopted it unanimously as resolution 1108 (1997) (for the text, see S/RES/1108 (1997); to be issued in Official Records of the Security Council, Fifty-second Year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council, 1997).

Central America: efforts towards peace (see S/20370/Add.29 and 44; S/21100/Add.12, 15, 17, 20, 22 and 44; S/22110/Add.18, 20, 39 and 44; S/23370/Add.2, 43 and 48; S/25070/Add.6, 11, 21, 23, 44 and 48; S/1994/20/Add.13, 20, 36 and 46; S/1995/40/Add.16; and S/1997/40/Add.1, 3 and 9)

The Security Council resumed its consideration of the item at its 3780th meeting, held on 22 May 1997 in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Guatemala, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

The President stated that, following consultations of the Council, he had been authorized to make a statement on behalf of the Council and read out the text of that statement (for the text, see S/PRST/1997/28; to be issued in Official Records of the Security Council, Fifty-second Year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council, 1997).